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# THE President's PAGE

The defeatist says, "What's the use?" This defeatist attitude is the biggest problem we have to face today. We are living in difficult times, and never before have we had such need for faith. We have all heard this before, but what have we done about it? Let us stop for a minute and examine ourselves. Do I have confidence in myself? Do I awaken to each new day fearful of what lies ahead, or with a feeling that this new day holds for me some rich and interesting experience? Do I pause at the end of the day and count my blessings, can I recall some deed I have done which was service to others?

A pleasing personality is one's greatest attribute. Webster defines personality as the sum of one's qualities of body, mind and character. Therefore, our voices, posture, poise, vocabulary, honesty, dependability, courtesy and tact are the qualities that make up our personalities. An occasional self-examination can give us an insight of where improvement in our personality is needed. We can with little effort make the necessary improvements.

We have chosen to be a part of a profession in which we can practice charity, kindness, humility and friendship by just being ourselves. We have opportunities to meet various types of people from all walks of life. We are privileged to continue our education daily. Let us not reach the point of self-satisfaction, content to live in our own little world. Such thinking can only result in retrogression.

The struggle of man against man fighting and pushing forward creates jealousy, deceit, bitterness and hate. Learn to live with yourself, and living with others will come easy.

Take time to work, it is the price of success.  
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to give, the day is too short to be selfish.

EVELYN B. BRETT, President

American Dental Assistants Association

# Auxiliary Dental Personnel

*Presented at Eleventh Annual Convention of Southern California State Dental Assistants Association, Los Angeles, California, April 1, 1951.*

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The auxiliary dental personnel problem is a most complicated one, related to the creation of demand for dental treatment, providing this treatment, and involving a great many other separate problems.

These other problems include:

The total size of the dental care needs of our people;<sup>1</sup> the relationship between needs and demands;<sup>2</sup> the relationship between demands and economics;<sup>3</sup> effectiveness of health education through dental personnel; as well as the over-all effectiveness of education on the general population, motivating them to seek care.

The dental profession has a double responsibility and interest in the dental disease problem. For the first part, the dental health of our entire population has been entrusted to the dental profession. We are the exclusive dealers in dental health which includes prevention and control of dental diseases as well as treatment.

The second part of the responsibility is to our profession and ourselves, and includes some contribution to the furthering of knowledge and stability of our educational institutions and our professional organizations. These responsibilities apply to our auxiliary personnel as well. To ourselves we owe a continuing effort to improve our ability to serve our patients and the community, and for such service we owe ourselves and families a good livelihood.

## *The Problem*

The dental care needs include some known, and many unknown factors. Only rough estimates of some are available.<sup>4</sup>

Dental caries and periodontal disease are the basic problems and, in many ways, cause or complicate some of the other dental problems. I know of no estimate of the proportion of our population who suffer from periodontal disease. We do know that evidence of it is showing up at ever earlier ages as we get better diagnostic methods,<sup>5</sup> and we suspect it is occurring in younger groups to a greater extent because of deficiency diets which are so prevalent.<sup>6</sup>

## *Size of the Problem*

The caries estimate in 1944 was as follows:<sup>7</sup> 6 to 18 year group, 244,000,000

fillings necessary to restore mouths to healthy condition. A yearly crop of 33,000,000 new fillings would be necessary to repair new cavities in this group. Adults would need 285,000,000 fillings, with 79,000,000 new ones per year for maintenance. In addition, adults would need 25,000,000 extractions a year with resulting 11,000,000 prosthetic appliances to replace them. To this unbelievable total would be added: care of the group below 6 years, examinations, diagnoses, prophylaxes, orthodontic, surgical and root canal treatments.

It has been estimated that only about 25% of those needing dental care visit the dentist in any one year. During the week of April 16, 1950, 3,700,000 patients were estimated to have visited 76,000 dentists.<sup>8</sup> If this number represents only 25% of those who should have had appointments, think of the unmet need.

Commercial organizations are constantly looking for unmet need or new markets. They devise new methods of appealing to this potential market and, at the same time, methods to increase production to meet the demand. Each increase in demand and, therefore, volume, results in increased profit.

#### *Methods for Solving Problem*

How could we attack the unmet dental care problem on such a business basis and, at the same time, take care of our obligation to society?

First, we must increase demand to correspond to need by increasing our educational programs. A fixed percentage of every dues dollar in America could be spent to help finance the program. This expenditure would return dividends. In addition, all auxiliary and dental personnel could increase their direct effort in education programs.

To increase production capacity to meet the present and increasing demand is not as simple, but is possible. Increasing the number of dentists is not necessarily the only way or the best way to solve the problem.

With the increase in preventive and control methods, the need for much greater numbers of dentists may not last. In addition, the educational facilities are very expensive to build and maintain. The great expense to educate each dentist must be paid for by the individual or through subsidy, such as the G. I. Bill.

Several studies have indicated a remarkable increase in the productive capacity of a dentist with the proper use of auxiliary personnel and equipment.

Dentists using no auxiliary aid averaged 37 patients during the week of April 16-22, 1950; with one employee, 51 patients; and with two employees, 63 patients. Yet only 65% of all dentists used any type of auxiliary personnel.<sup>9</sup>

At the same time, it was shown that dentists using two chairs had 26% more than those with one chair, and those with three chairs 45% more than those with one chair.<sup>10</sup>

In the face of these facts, 47% of the dentists in the United States use only one chair. Can we afford such inefficiency?

Good business methods not only call for more help, but better help, and each additional employee or piece of equipment that helps increase production is needed.

Suppose each of the 35% of our dentists who use no help would employ one person and increase his production 36%. Also, if 42% out of 63% who employ only one aide would use two persons and increase production 32%, this could mean a total of approximately 740,000 additional patients each week or about a 20% increase in patients.

If all dentists using one chair could make use of two, and increase their gross by 26%, and those using two would use three chairs and increase production by 19%, this could mean an increase in patients of 771,000 a week, or 21%.<sup>11</sup>

What does this mean in terms of additional personnel and equipment? 35% of the 80,000 dentists who would employ one assistant would add 28,000. 42% of the 63% who would add one assistant

would employ 21,000, or a total of 49,000 new personnel. In new equipment, the 47% of the dentists using one chair, who added one chair, would increase 38,000 chairs. Those dentists using two chairs (42%) adding one chair, would represent 34,000 additional chairs. This means a total increase of 72,000.

Assuming that the 80,000 dentists earn \$1,100,000,000<sup>12</sup> a year, which is the estimate for 1950. This averages \$13,750 per dentist. If adding personnel and increasing the number of patients 20%, increased income 20%, the new average income would be \$16,500. Or, adding equipment and increasing the number of patients by 21% would raise the average income to about \$16,500. In case both equipment and personnel were added, a maximum of 1,511,000 new patients a week might be possible, or an increase of 41% and an average gross income of almost \$19,500 per dentist.

This number of auxiliary aides divided among assistants, hygienists and technicians with training periods of one and two years would certainly be more economical to educate than the same amount of additional production represented in services by dentists. In addition, because most of these individuals are women who generally do not stay in the field for long periods of time, there would not be the economic problem created when they quit for any reason, including new and better control methods that may make less of their services necessary.

#### *Other Values in Using Auxiliary Personnel*

There are other reasons why dentists should employ auxiliary help. Approximately 6,000 dentists in California belong to the State Dental Associations and yet, the two Dental Assistants Associations have a total of only 1279 members. Consequently, we do not know how many assistants are employed. Dental assistants get the same type of benefits out of memberships in their organizations as the dental profession does, and these benefits reflect to the credit of the dentist employing them.

There are only about 400 dental hygienists in the State, and we do not know how many of these are working. They also have two State Associations and hold regular meetings.

There has been a steady increase in education facilities for dental assistants within our State, but no increase in capacity for dental hygienists. Only two of our dental schools have schools of hygiene, and the capacity has remained at about 75 per year for many years. There is some talk of it being reduced, because of costs in providing space and equipment.

Because of the larger numbers of technicians trained in the military establishment during the last War, we have not had a shortage of this personnel and, likely, with the G. I. program, will not for some time.

The auxiliary personnel employed by dentists invariably brings about a better quality of service to the patient. All of us automatically do a better job when we are being assisted and observed.

Accounts are handled much better by auxiliary personnel than by the principal in any business. Not only is an account paid much more promptly, but the relationship with the doctor is entirely on a professional basis throughout the whole experience, and is more impressive to the patient.

Legal implications are much less likely to develop, if the doctor has witnesses in his office. Both malpractice and improper conduct charges are becoming more common in California courts against professional men. In ages 20 through 44, there are 162 females for every 100 males who visit the dentist. The male practitioner is less apt to be accused in a lawsuit if there has been a third or fourth person in the room.

All offices are cleaner and neater if a female employee is on the job. The telephone is answered more efficiently; the doctor has his mind on problems of service; and telephone calls to make or the other trained personnel a great deal of time and, therefore, are economically

change appointments, or complaints about service or fees are apt to annoy him, and this annoyance is reflected in his ability to satisfy the patient.

Receiving patients or other visitors is time-consuming, as well as disrupting to operations and thought. A well-trained assistant can earn her salary every day in this service to the dentist and patient. Young children, especially, react more favorably to the office on their first visits, if greeted by a woman. Invariably, they are more accustomed to their mothers' ways, and office procedures will seem less strange.

#### *In the Matter of Hiring Trained Help*

Seldom do we see "help wanted" ads for business or industry that do not give preference to trained or experienced people. Dentists could do well to follow this example. While, occasionally, a dentist may have the ability to teach an assistant or technician, his valuable time should not be devoted to such activities. It is much easier and less time-consuming to help a trained person to adapt herself to the slightly different methods of an office than to train "green" help.

Our approved dental assistant schools are turning out more and better prepared girls. Modern aptitude testing methods employed by the schools for dental assistants and dental hygienists insure more competent help. Their courses have been constantly improved over the years because of their own experience and suggestions from the doctors. The girls graduating today are ready to go to work and earn their pay, both in work produced and time saved for the doctor.

#### *A New Dental Aide*

It seems we have reached the place where we can use a second category of dental assistant. The chair assistant has become a highly skilled and efficient person who cannot be spared from the chair, and who is too expensive to be used for other office work. For many years in the southeastern part of the United States some dental offices have used maids for some duties. These persons save all of

profitable. I am not sure what name could be used to designate these lesser trained auxiliaries, but that is unimportant.

Courses to improve the knowledge and ability of the assistants already in the field are being made available. The Southern California State Dental Association has arranged to have Mr. James Robinson give lectures to classes in various areas. Several of the dentists, including Dr. J. Almy Harding, our editor, have assisted in, or conducted, similar classes.

The certification courses arranged by the Dental Assistants Association, and its components, have been a real inspiration to many of the girls, and it will soon be necessary for an assistant not only to have formal training in a recognized school, but also to be certified to get the better positions in this area.

The Division of Dental Resources of the U. S. Public Health Service has recently produced an exhibit called "Is Your Dental Assistant at the Chair?" I hope we can get it at the next Southern California State Dental Association meeting. This exhibit has been produced because of evidence they are accumulating on the value of auxiliary aides in studies in dental service at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Richmond, Indiana. When completed, these studies will provide some additional conclusive evidence on the value of teamwork in producing more and better dental service easier, and at less cost.

The American Dental Association Council on Dental Health passed two important resolutions at its meeting in Atlantic City:

#### *Resolution #67*

"Whereas, it is desirable that the present and future dental manpower be utilized in the most efficient manner consistent with sound professional dental practice, and  
"Whereas, highly efficient dental practice will help to secure a wider distribution of dental services among the population, and  
"Whereas, several polls conducted

among dentists in the United States have shown that dentists who employ auxiliary dental personnel are able to care for a significantly larger number of patients in a given time than dentists working alone, and "Whereas, studies also have shown that a larger number of high quality dental services can be provided with a greater degree of comfort to both the dentist and his patients when specific attention has been given to the most efficient use of auxiliary personnel, and

"Whereas, dentists have not been trained specifically in undergraduate dental courses in the most efficient methods by which the services of auxiliary personnel can be utilized, therefore be it

"Resolved, that the American Dental Association urge appropriate dental educational agencies to establish undergraduate and post-graduate courses which will enable dentists to make more of their services available to a larger number of people through the extended use of auxiliary dental personnel working under the limitations of the statutes of the individual states and under programs approved by the dentists of the State or community."

#### *Resolution #68*

"Whereas, the solution to the dental health problem in the United States must be provided to a large extent through the wider use of preventive measures, and

"Whereas, the dental hygienist is trained to assist the dentist in the application of preventive measures, and

"Whereas, the number of dental hygienists in training and in service is insufficient to meet the large demand in private dental offices and in school and community dental health programs, therefore be it

"Resolved, that the American Dental Association strongly recommends

to the constituent societies that they foster a more rapid development of new facilities and expansion of present facilities for the training of dental hygienists in accordance with standards established by the Council on Dental Education."

Some of our dental schools are recognizing the desirability of changes in training all dental personnel and, in time, we may see such programs in California. One eastern school provides team experience for the student dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant and dental technician. The arguments against such a program of educating "different levels of personnel under university discipline" are not valid or realistic. The medical profession has found it possible to educate physicians and nurses as well as other auxiliary aides in teaching hospitals associated with medical schools which correspond to our infirmaries or clinics. If dentists were taught to use all of our presently accepted auxiliary help during their infirmary experience, much of our problem would be solved. The problem of developing methods to train dentists, both in undergraduate and postgraduate courses, to use auxiliary aides is a responsibility of our dental educators. The dental profession will have to insist on these changes before this will be done in all of our schools.

The Council on Dental Health has been designated to act as the liaison between the American Dental Association and the Dental Hygienists Association and the Dental Assistants Association.

In my opinion, an active cooperative program should exist between our organizations, not only at the national level, but at the state and local levels too.

In conclusion, may we agree that demands by public and private groups for more dental care are growing? Our education programs, both by dental personnel and others, are becoming more effective with the individual. The need to provide more and better dental care at equitable costs to the profession and

public are obvious. Only two practical methods are at hand to accomplish this end:

- (1) Have dentists use more equipment to extend their services to more patients, and
- (2) More important, add qualified auxiliary personnel.

Not only will more patients be served each day, but they will be provided with better care. Such increase will also result in less wear and tear on the dentist.

And, last but not least, by supplying more services, our prime obligation to the public will have been discharged and, at the same time, we will have created pleasant and profitable employment for an increased number of auxiliary dental personnel.

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#### OFFICERS. HAVE YOU READ YOUR BROCHURES?

Each year the Presidents and Secretaries of all state and local societies receive many brochures from the A. D. A. A. central office. The committees compile this material and it is printed and sent to your associations for your Officers to READ and USE.

There is a recent brochure, "Supplement to the A. D. A. A. Extension Study Course Outline." It is now complete and available. This information is valuable and should be passed on to your Planning Committee for use in preparation for that Study Course you expect to begin this fall.

The time is almost here when we will be presenting Clinics and Posters at the

annual meeting of A. D. A. A. to be held in Washington in October. The Clinic and Exhibit Committee has prepared a brochure with full information for you. This has been mailed to you from the central office. Have you read it, State Presidents? Have you appointed an active assistant as your State Clinic and Exhibit Chairman? She will be called upon to inform your clinicians who will represent you at the A. D. A. A. meeting.

Remember, other assistants, as busy as you are, have given their free time to bring this information to you. Let's co-operate with them in order that their efforts will bring desired results.

The same is true of all committees in A. D. A. A. Please give your attention to ALL of these brochures.

# OPERATION—Dental or Mental?

By LEE M. TARAS

*Subject:* You

*Place:* Your Dental Office

*Contents:* Read and See

Do you find yourself waking up more often than usual with the feeling that you just simply can't go through the day, you are almost compelled to turn off the alarm clock, and spend the day in bed? Maybe your trip to the office has become so monotonous that you would like to take the wrong train. Maybe there is one "pill" that has an appointment this day that you wish you didn't have to face—maybe there is more than one. Maybe this feeling is occurring too often—the routine "just has you down." Well, cheer up, there is no maybe about this — **YOU'RE NORMAL!**

Even if you didn't have to go to an office the vicious cycle would catch you sooner or later. Can you avoid waking, sleeping, or eating? Then why blame the monotony on your work? The trouble isn't your job, it's you, and believe me that trouble can be righted. It is not incurable—but it is universal.

How many times have you heard the expression that if we had a million dollars we would still be dissatisfied, we would want more? Perhaps this is true, but I imagine most of us would like to have the million anyway—perhaps then we could enjoy dissatisfaction. At any rate, it is the negative and not the positive thinking that gets us in trouble. Why the negative thinking, why not happiness? We accept too easily the answer that it is a natural human trait.

Many books and articles have been written about allowing ourselves to get in a "rut." Those I have read seem to encourage a change of surroundings. To me that seems a weak way out. My suggestion is to face the situation fairly and squarely, make a survey of yourself—find out just how wonderful life can be. It is

a tough assignment, I assure you, but the results can be amazing and gratifying. You can actually enjoy living!

I find that surprises make life more interesting. If necessary I do things to surprise myself. Surprising as it may seem, I have found that a simple trick like rolling my hair differently each evening can make me leap out of bed the next morning, eager to see the results of my work the evening before. If a strange reflection greets me from my mirror, it usually gives me something to laugh about, also furnishes a good laugh for my breakfast companions. If I am pleased with the results it gives me a "lift" for the day. A cheerful beginning usually makes for a cheerful day. This might not work for you; if not, try something else—maybe a new kind of cosmetics, a new hat. The trip to the office can't stand much alteration, especially since our means of transportation are limited. If we walk, perhaps a new street can change our thoughts—maybe we haven't bothered to observe some of the new and interesting things taking place along the route we travel each day to our work. I find it helpful to sometimes read a humorous book enroute to work; again I have entertained a group of passengers in a crowded subway during rush hour by suggesting that expressions on faces can be read. At times we have reached some fantastic conclusions about what the "strap-hangers" were thinking, but our trip was entertaining. Observation and imagination can serve as the means of sharpening the thinking waves—we are conditioned for our day's work!

Now we are at work—the sight of our office is revolting! Patients waiting, the office needs dusting, the floor needs attention, and a number of other things to be done, and immediately. We have a choice of action. We can immediately

become unhappy and rebel, or immediately decide to say to ourselves, "I am the master of the situation, be it what it may, I can handle it." If we can say this and really mean it we will be surprised to find how quickly things start shaping up, order is restored. We should tackle everything with success in mind, and we will be successful. Experiment with ideas, don't just be convinced that they won't work. We might start with investigating WHY we don't like someone or something. Chances are the people we don't like have many qualities we have been blinded to because we haven't tried to see these qualities. We know we don't like them, but perhaps we can make them like us. In doing this I often discover a wonderful personality, or an intellectual and interesting person, and even sometimes make a worthwhile friend.

There is something interesting about everything we do. Let's say to ourselves, "Routine tasks can be a challenge, every patient that comes under our care can be a challenge. I will try to like them, and make them like me, I want, and need, their cooperation. They are people, and people are fascinating. I have confidence in myself, and my ability, I also know my limitations. If I can understand myself, I can understand others, and if routine becomes monotonous, I will create interest. I will accept my responsibilities as a challenge to my ability. I will take an occasional inventory of myself and discover the unlimited supply of happiness that is within me. I will not give up my position for another. If I have failed here, how can I expect to succeed, or escape routine, elsewhere? What other occupation could offer such variety of duties, such interesting experiences, such opportunities to serve our fellowman as does dental assisting? I am determined that my present surroundings and duties will be pleasant and interesting." Boredom is a state of mind; when we discover this and face it the battle is half won. We can right this state of mind. The operation will be a success!

## NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

The annual examination for certification will be held in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, October 13, 1951. The exact time and place will be announced at a future date. Applicants for examinations must request application blanks from the secretary of their state association, or local where no state society exists. Application properly filled out, signed and notarized must be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the certification board, Ruth V. Doring, 85 Park St., Montclair, New Jersey, no later than September 15, 1951. Be sure you have the necessary requirements before applying. Nelle Mitchell, chairman, 615 Wiley Bldg., Hutchinson, Kansas.

West Virginia State Dental Assistants will hold examination for Certification, Sunday, July 15, at 2:00 p.m., White Sulphur Spring, West Virginia. State Educational Chairman, Beatrice Kennedy, Montgomery, W. Va., will be in charge with Examining Committee assisting.

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# *The Miss America In Dentistry*

By KAY EASTWOOD

A Dental Assistant . . . ? "Just what is a Dental Assistant?" This is a question which arises in the minds of many high school girls looking for an interesting field to enter.

The title, Dental Assistant, covers a multitude of duties according to the type of girl the Dental Assistant is. Some young ladies are perfectly satisfied to sit behind an attractive desk in a pretty reception room and make appointments and answer the telephone. This girl is a Dental Assistant if one wants to stretch the term, but the aggressive Dental Assistant is the girl who wants to learn something new every day to lessen the dentist's minor duties in the dental office.

When a girl starts her career as a Dental Assistant, whether she be experienced or a novice, she has to learn her dentist's daily routine. After she has assisted him a short while, she will be able to anticipate his wants and needs so that with a little application and observation, a coordinating team is formed functioning smoothly and efficiently. This teamwork has a great influence on the patient: instills confidence and soothes his apprehensions.

The Dental Assistant is really the dentist's Public Relations Officer. When a patient arrives in the dental office, the greeting given by the Assistant may be all that is needed to make the patient feel more at ease. Most people find their visits to the dental office hard to take. It is the Dental Assistant who can alleviate this feeling by a kind word and a smile or anything to make the patient more at ease.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" as the old adage goes; therefore, the Dental Assistant's appearance has a great bearing

on the patient. The Dental Assistant who is attired in white from head to foot is a real beauty queen. An Assistant does not have to be a "Powers Model" to be attractive. All she needs is a fresh uniform free from wrinkles, white hosiery, shoes whitened daily and a white cap to complete her professional appearance to be the beauty of her dental office. Her hands are usually observed by the patients; therefore, her hands and nails should be well-groomed minus, of course, colored nail lacquer. Her hair should be clean and attractive but not overdone, as it detracts from the professional appearance that the Dental Assistant should maintain at all times.

The Miss America in Dentistry should take an active part in the local Dental Assistants' Association. An organization is as active as its members. By attending the meetings regularly, she will undoubtedly learn new ways and means of being a more capable Dental Assistant. She should accept any office of the organization which its members wish to bestow upon her, remembering that it is an honor to be selected to serve.

The education of an ambitious Dental Assistant is constantly progressing. She is ready at all times to learn something new. Therefore, every Dental Assistant who is not certified nor taking the study course to prepare her for certification, should do so, because she will then be of more value to the dentist, thus making her profession a much more interesting one.

Hats off to Miss America In Dentistry whose motto is: "TO LEARN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BE OF MORE ASSISTANCE TO HER DENTIST."

# NEWS LETTERS

Council on Dental Health, American Dental Association

## *Dean Roy G. Ellis of Toronto Reports on Study of New Zealand Dental Service*

The school dental nurse in New Zealand is given responsibility in examination and treatment planning beyond her education and experience in diagnosis, it is reported by Dr. Roy G. Ellis, dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. Dr. Ellis made a trip to New Zealand in August, 1950, for the purpose of obtaining information on the National Dental Service for the Canadian Dental Association. His conclusions follow:

The National Dental Service of New Zealand as a treatment service has contributed nothing to the stature of dentistry as a positive health service.

The school dental nurse is a well trained, capable operative technician. Her responsibilities in diagnosis and treatment planning far exceed her training for this important aspect of dentistry for children, to the detriment of the child patient.

The extension of the service in 1946 to the adolescent population before preventive measures are established by research and dental health education have become more effective, has placed a staggering load on the National Dental Service and on the dental profession.

The dental profession has been responsible in no small measure for reducing the most important aspect of the practice of dentistry, namely, dentistry for children, to the status of a technical service.

The population is firmly convinced that the National Dental Service in its present limited form is a great asset.

Had an effective dental health education program preceded the introduction of the treatment service, the National Dental Service of New Zealand would have presented a vastly different

complexion today. Nevertheless, recognizing the need for health education, a well conceived program is being pressed with the utmost vigor.

What has been said in the previous paragraph about health education applies equally to the subject of research. However, there is little evidence that plans for the immediate future will avail great benefits. As in so many other areas of this world, dental research receives support that is best described as "too little and too late."

The National Dental Service is economically unsound. In spite of the doughy effort being made to maintain a high standard of service to those eligible to receive treatment, the service is losing ground as the child population increases and the backlog of need expands. Hence, the present cost per child must rise. This trend will continue until such time as preventive and control measures reduce the incidence of dental disease. The latter will take place only when dental health education and research become effective.

Finally, one can envisage the acceptance of the operative technician for children giving place to other phases of dentistry being delegated to technical services.

## *Jo Daviess County Health Department, Illinois, Issues Leaflet on Dental Hygiene*

In a leaflet entitled "Dental Hygiene, a Career for Women," the Jo Daviess County Health Department, Galena, Illinois, has expressed the opinion that the supply of dental hygienists probably will never exceed the demand for them. The four page leaflet discusses the duties of the dental hygienist, qualifications, length of course in dental hygiene, schools that offer courses, curriculum and the future outlook for dental hygienists.

## PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

### *Two New Motion Pictures Are Now Available.*

Two dental health education motion pictures, which have been approved by the Council on Dental Health, of the A.D.A. have been added to the library of the Division of Dental Health Education. Their titles are "Teeth Are to Keep" and "Come Clean." Both films are available on a rental basis. "Come Clean" also can be purchased from the Association.

The technical information follows:

**TEETH ARE TO KEEP**, produced by Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc. (16 mm., color, sound, 11 min.). Animated drawings show the Smith family on a picnic and also the children learning the four essentials of good dental care: eat proper foods, avoid sweets, brush the teeth after each meal, and visit the dentist twice a year. (For primary and middle grades.) Rental: \$2.50 per day; \$4.50 per week.

**COME CLEAN**, produced by Dr. Forrest R. Slavens, Steamboat Springs, Colorado (16 mm., color, sound, 10 min.). A likable and somewhat humorous character by the name of Adolphus brings to the screen his experiences in the care of the teeth. The story shows the behavior changes that may be brought about through proper instruction. (For high school, college and adult groups.) Rental: \$2.50 per day; \$4.50 per week. Price: Black and white, \$55; color, \$100.

Orders should be addressed to the Order Department, American Dental Association, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago 11.

### *National Bureau of Standards Announces Availability of New Motion Picture*

A new motion picture entitled "The Casting of Dental Gold Alloys: Thermal Expansion Technique" is available for loan or purchase from the Office of Scientific Publications, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C. The

film was produced by the National Bureau of Standards in cooperation with the Council on Dental Research of the American Dental Association.

The technical information follows:

**THE CASTING OF DENTAL GOLD ALLOYS: THERMAL EXPANSION TECHNIQUE** (16 mm., sound, color, 18½ min.). Synopsis: The making of accurately fitting dental castings is shown to be dependent upon both the proper selection and the proper use of materials. Demonstrations are given on the prevention of warpage of wax patterns, the selection and attachment of the sprue, investing, eliminating the wax pattern, and melting and casting the alloy.

Requests should be submitted to the National Bureau of Standards at least thirty days in advance of the proposed date of showing.

## LOVE

Now in math there are exact words to express any number from one to infinity; while to describe amatory emotions, also infinite in their variety, we have but one word—love.

How much distress and doubt would be avoided if all the varieties could be numerically catalogued. It is inconceivable, almost, that necessity has not produced a greater accuracy of language.

In music, for instance, we can express with precision any note by name, or even a combination of notes. But love is like color. We cannot express a color in words, except with the loosest of definition. We say the thing is black; but there are hundreds of shades, all commonly termed black. There are thousands of emotions all commonly termed love. A man of 50 loves otherwise to the youth. A man loves a young wife not more than an old, but in quite a different fashion. The lady in lavender loves, and Carmen loves, but who would recognize the sentiments as related?—Algernon Crofton.

# *Supplement to "A.D.A.A. Extension Study Course"*

Revisions Suggested by 1951 Education Committee

MARGARET CRAVE, Chairman

In order to improve the preparation for the American Dental Assistants Certification Board examination we recommend that the changes outlined in this supplement be made. The number of hours in certain units of study and lecture have been increased. To compensate for these changes the number of hours allotted in the printed outline for Laboratory Technic (56 hours) can be cut to 50 hours.

*Unit 1—Dental Office Management*, is to be increased to eight hours, to allow a two-hour period for Dental Ethics. The Society sponsoring the course should ask the State Board of Dental Examiners to send one of its members or their representative to give a two-hour lecture on ethics for the dental assistant, thoroughly covering the Dental Practice Act of the state concerned and the legal restrictions placed on the assistant in regard to her employment.

*Unit 4—Sterilization and Bacteriology*, is to be increased to six hours, and must include a practical demonstration by the student under the supervision of the instructor in the different methods of sterilization. The student must show that she knows how to select the method of sterilization for the different types of instruments and equipment. It is suggested that the first of the three two-hour lectures be devoted to the theory outlined in the printed text; the next lecture to instruction in the use of various sterilizing equipment agents; and that the final lecture period be given over to the practical demonstration by the student.

Some time (preferably at the beginning of the course) should be set aside for general information regarding Certification, and the requirements necessary for those who are to take the examination; so that it may be determined how many will qualify in respect to length of employment, membership, etc., and when it will be most convenient for the majority to report for the examination, and at what date the requirements can be fulfilled by the majority of students. This will aid the Examining Chairman in setting the date for examination.

General information regarding Certification should be given to all the students by the Education Chairman, who will make it clear to all that the Examination and the Awarding of the Certificate are devices which are given

in recognition of study and proficiency granted by the American Dental Assistants Certification Board; that the granting of the Certificate does not grant the holder thereof any privileges which she does not already have under the Dental Practice Act of the State in which she is employed, the Certificate has no legal status.

## ETHICS

A code of ethics is the standard governing the principles of moral behavior, obligation and duty. Dental ethics are the laws and standards pertaining to dentistry. We as members of the American Dental Assistants Association are bound by these ethics. Our organization's membership is comprised of women employed by ethical dentists as dental assistants. We would better understand our responsibilities to our doctors, to the patients he serves, and to our profession, if we would occasionally review an outline of dental ethics and our Dental Assistants Creed.

We, as dental assistants, should be careful not to discuss or criticize work done by another dentist to anyone. Remember the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Talk of Public Health and Education to others, making the welfare of patients of paramount importance.

A dental assistant is not permitted to scale or clean teeth; as this is limited to the dentist and the licensed hygienist. Certification *does not* give any license to perform these duties. Your doctor is fully responsible for any duty performed by *you*. If at any time you are called upon to administer aid when your doctor is away, your first obligation is to refer the patient to another dentist. When your doctor is planning to be absent from his office be sure that he leaves a name of another dentist for reference. The placing of temporary fillings is taboo; the taking of impressions, placing of matrix bands and retainers, removal of excessive cement from inlays or smooth high spots, removal of sutures or in any way practice of dentistry in a patient's mouth is violating the principles of dental ethics.

The following code of ethics is strictly enforced by Berkeley, California, Dental Assistants Association and if adopted by all would be very helpful in fulfilling our duties as dental assistants.

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- To exalt my work and consider it an opportunity to serve the profession of dentistry and people in need of dental care.
- To increase my knowledge of dentistry as it relates to health and dental service.
- To remember that my success is the success of the office in which I work; therefore, I shall be loyal to my employer and concerned for the welfare of his office and the patients.
- To develop a sense of protection for the health and well-being of patients by complete and careful sterilization and sanitary precautions.
- To comply with prevailing dental laws.
- To increase my effectiveness by constant self-improvement.
- To add to my effectiveness by following the important rules of personal hygiene and developing a sympathetic and pleasing personality.
- To deport myself with a dignity in keeping with professional standards.
- To refrain from critical discussions of other assistants, of dentists and their practices, of patients, or the business and professional affairs of my own or any other dental office.
- To speak with pride of my employer when out among friends.

**STERILIZATION AND BACTERIOLOGY  
TO BE ADDED TO UNIT FOUR—4 additional hours**

*A Dental Assistant's responsibility for sterile technic follows:*

First—to protect the health of the patient from infection due to non-sterile instruments or septic materials, also the possibility of cross-infection. Patients are always favorably impressed with cleanliness and the sterile technic used by the Dental Assistant; this also tends to build confidence in the practitioner whom you serve.

- What is the purpose of sterilization of instruments and other objects in a dental office?
- To destroy living organisms in instruments or objects used; there are two kinds of bacteria organisms—spore bearing and non-spore bearers; spore bearing pathogenic bacteria are found in dirt and filth from the fields, and more rarely in the dust of the air. Spores have a shell-like structure and are very resistant to heat. They are a constant menace and the practitioner protects himself by taking extra precautions for their destruction. The safety of a technique based on boiling water only is determined by the care which spore bearing organisms have been removed by scrubbing beforehand.

- What are the basic rules for sterilization of instruments?
- Instruments should be cleaned at once and not allowed to stand unclean.
- Blood clots, tissue residue, or other moisture will stain instrument if not scrubbed immediately with soap and water and a stiff brush. The cleaning of all crevices in instruments by the brush is very necessary. (If the instruments are from an infected case, a preliminary sterilization should be made before the handling and scrubbing with a 5% solution of Lysol.)
- If instruments are known to be free from spores after they have been scrubbed then they may be boiled. Water must be boiling when instruments are placed in it, and must continue boiling vigorously 15 to 20 minutes. Instruments that are from cases suspected of bearing spores should be autoclaved for 15 minutes at 250 degrees Fahrenheit.
- At the end of this period, instruments should be taken out immediately.
- To remove instruments without touching them they should be rolled out of the tray on a towel without the hands touching them, being careful to pick instruments from underneath, and dry them. The towel absorbs the moisture and the heat dries off any minute particle of moisture.
- Then put the instruments away in a tight cabinet.
- Exact technique calls for re-sterilization before use.

*Types and Uses of Sterilizing Agents and Methods:*

- Electric Sterilizer—Boiling water method for 15 to 20 minutes at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. To care for the sterilizer, use a weak solution of vinegar and let stand over night. This will help to remove the rust scales; also scrub with metal pad, such as steel wool, for brightening the insides. If drained daily and cleaned the calcium deposits are minimized.
- Chemical sterilizing solutions—time 20 to 30 minutes for thorough sterilizing. These solutions should be changed as directed on bottle or package. A glass dish large enough for instruments to be submerged in solution is sufficient, or supply houses can suggest commercial items to you.
- Autoclave—Articles should be well wrapped before placing in autoclave; squares of muslin or heavy brown paper are ideal to use if they are strong enough to hold under steam pressure while sterilizing. The pressure is 250 degrees

Fahrenheit. 100% sterilization is achieved by this method. Steam, not vapor, destroys all bacteria.

- D. Oil Sterilizer—Use heavy mineral oil at temperature of 250 degrees and boil for 30 minutes. Use a thermometer for testing temperature.
- E. Sterilizer for syringes and needles, boiling method is most widely used. A container to hold these in a solution until ready for use is an excellent way of retaining sterilization.
- F. Always have a pair of tongs within reach for handling of sterilized instruments. These may be kept in a mild solution of Hexol or Lysol solution. (A low jar can be used advantageously for holding the tongs when not in use, standing tongs upright for easy grasping.)

*Following are methods of sterilization for:*

- a. Syringes and Needles—Boiled in pure water for 20 minutes. It is well to insert the stiletto through the tube of the needle to prevent it from becoming clogged. Don't remove the needle from the syringe; wrap in cotton to prevent bending or damaging the point.
- b. Burrs—May be sterilized by boiling, steam or oil methods.
- c. Curettes and cutting instruments, chisels, etc., best in hot oil sterilizer, using mineral oil 250 degrees Fahrenheit.
- d. Rubber gloves—Wash well in warm sudsy water, using tincture of green soap. If to be autoclaved, dry and talcum both inside and out and wrap in towel loosely—autoclave for 20 minutes. If boiling method is used omit talcum until dried and ready for storing; then proceed as above. Before using remove talcum with alcohol.
- e. Rubber attachments to gas machines, mouth props, etc.—First scrub well with soap and water, then boil in electric sterilizer. Store in tight cabinet or container until needed.
- f. Elevators, forceps, pliers, etc., may be sterilized by boiling. Before putting away they should be carefully dried and the joints oiled with vaseline or blue ointment.
- g. Saliva Ejectors—either glass or metal—should be boiled after they are held under running water until water runs forcibly through ejector, cleaning it; then boiled for 25 minutes.
- h. Preparation of packets of dressings, sponges, etc.—These should be wrapped in squares of muslin or heavy brown wrapping paper securely, then placed in autoclave. Process for 15 minutes.

- i. Sponges, Dressing, Absorbent Points—Wrapped in muslin squares and autoclaved for 15 minutes.
- j. Glassware, Dishes, etc.—Washed thoroughly with soap and water and boiled for 20 minutes. Store in tight cabinet until needed.
- k. Handpieces, Angles, Clamps, etc.—May be sterilized by steaming or by immersing in a Potassio Mercuric Iodide solution for 10 minutes, followed by rinsing in alcohol (50%-70%) or sterile water.
- l. End of Novocaine Carpules—Pass back and forth over gas flame; alcohol can also be used.

*Resterilization of instruments for surgery:*

Sterilize instruments for use as previously suggested; then place in order to be used by the dentist on a sterile towel, either on tray or table; then cover with another sterile towel till ready for use. (Hand them to the dentist with tongs or have your hands sterile, being careful not to handle any other foreign objects while assisting.)

*Other Sanitary Measures:*

Scrub hands thoroughly before assisting with surgery; use a good nail brush and soap that is recommended for destroying bacteria. (Your supply house can suggest one to you.)

Cleansing of equipment should be done with alcohol sponges, which are efficient around the tips of the water and air syringes. A mild solution of Lysol can be used for chair arms, bracket tables, cabinets, and bowls. Headrests should be wiped or changed after each patient. Paper ones are most sanitary, as they are destroyed after each patient. It is well to have an air deodorant to spray the operating and reception rooms frequently to remove all unpleasant odors.

Watch the towel that the dentist uses and change it often, so as to avoid his having chapped hands. *Never* use the towel the dentist *uses*. Have one especially for you.

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### THE HUMAN VOICE

How wonderful is the human voice! It is indeed the organ of the soul! The intellect of man sits enthroned visibly upon his forehead and in his eye; and the heart of man is written upon his countenance. But the soul reveals itself in the voice only, as God revealed Himself to the prophet of old, in the "still, small voice," and in a voice from the burning bush. The soul of man is audible, not visible. A sound alone betrays the flowing of the eternal fountain, invisible to the man.—Longfellow.

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## EDITORIAL

### SUNSHINE AND RAIN

By MARIE JOHNSON  
*Contributing Editor*

Have you really given thought to the fact that without the rain and snow and the sunshine that follows our whole land would disintegrate? That the lack of rain and snow and the abundance of sunshine in the desert areas result in a vast expanse of bleakness and bareness? Have you experienced the thrill of viewing nature's expression of beauty in the rainbow that appears on the horizon, and reluctantly watched it disappear as the sun, that has just peeked through the clouds, slowly sets?

It occurs to me that we can liken this picture of the earth, and its wonders and beauty, its fruitful areas and its barren desert lands, unto the lives of human beings. Lives without the grey clouds, the turbulent storms of grief and worry, usually result in bleakness, are lacking in depth. It seems to be God's manner of testing our strength of character, our ability to face the pain of grief and disappointment and return to normal as the sunshine appears and sweeps the clouds of grief away. While the storms of life are beating against our hearts the sunshine seems far away, but always the storm subsides and the sunshine come through. Invariably our lives are richer, our understanding deeper, and our characters strengthened.

If we could but look into the inner souls of the great personalities we admire and respect, we would almost surely find the scars of grief and disappointment there. They have achieved success, won admiration and respect by perseverance. Let us strive to follow the example they have set before us, let us thank God daily, not only for the blessings of sunshine in our lives, but for the storms from which we have emerged with strengthened character.



### HOW IS YOUR "TACT RATING"?

The dictionary defines tact as "sympathetic understanding; delicate skill in saying and doing what is best or most suitable in given circumstances; intuitive ability to deal wisely with others."

No knowledge that we ever acquire is so important as a knowledge of what to say and how to say it. No matter what our position in life, what our chosen field

of endeavor, we are constantly faced with problems which require tact to solve. Tact often succeeds where force fails.

We, as dental assistants, are often referred to as the Dentist's Diplomat. It seems that it is a must that we constantly strive for quietness and thoughtfulness in speech and act. Our duties are so varied that we are called upon to be several different personalities all in the course of a day in the office. In each role we fill we find need for all the natural tact we possess, and all we can acquire.

I believe that the following suggestions can be helpful to us in acquiring tact, the golden key that opens the door to opportunity and success.

1. Be courteous to all—it costs nothing and buys everything.
2. Try to meet the wishes of others as far as you rightfully and wisely can, but have the courage of your opinions. When it is wise to say, "no," do not hesitate to do so, but say it courteously.
3. Try to win, and still more deserve, the confidence of those with whom you are brought in contact.
4. Never lose your temper, be wary and keep cool. In any negotiations, calmness and coolness are important. This will often see you safely through times of difficulty.
5. Avoid arguments. If you must argue admit all you can, but try to show that some point has been overlooked.
6. Admire, do not criticize. Look for the good and not the evil, and you will probably find it.
7. Be frank, and yet reserved. Remember that "a soft answer turneth away wrath."
8. Never give the impression, to a person that you are dealing with, that you think him a "blockhead." You may be wrong in your judgment. Nothing irritates one so much as being made to look ridiculous.
9. Be patient. Many a man would rather you hear his story than grant his request.
10. It is important to be decisive. It is better to make some mistakes than waste time debating each petty action.
11. It is important to decide wisely, not only to know whom you can trust, and whom you cannot, but how far, and in what you can trust them. Confidence should be complete but not blind.
12. Never try to show your authority. People in general are more easily led than driven. Speak quietly, courteously, pleasantly, but with no hint of uncertainty in your voice.

A summation of all these words might be to say, "In every situation use your head, consult your reason, think before you speak, and always be kind."

#### NEWS ITEM

The Altrusa and Kiwanis Clubs of Dallas, Texas, recently sponsored a Personality Careers Clinic which was held at the N. R. Crozier Technical High School in that city. A period of time was given each day, Monday through Friday, to discussing various careers. One of the twenty-seven careers listed was that of "Professional Assistants." Steve Ann Montgomery, 1st Vice President of A. D. A. A., was asked to give information to the students on what to expect in the

way of employment in a dental office. She spent two periods talking to them on this subject. In so doing Steve Ann has shown us another way in which we may be of service to A. D. A. A. Our Executive Secretary, Mary Martin, receives many such inquiries from Vocational Advisors and students. In the near future she will have a copy of the synopsis of Steve's talks to those students. We urge other members, who might be called upon to do similar work, to follow Steve's example of service to A. D. A. A.

# *Secretary's Corner . . .*

410 First National Bank Bldg.  
LAPORTE, INDIANA

By MARY L. MARTIN  
Executive Secretary

A list of the new Societies recently accepted into the membership of the A.D.A.A. is given below. The recent changes in officers are not printed in this issue of the journal, because an entirely new Directory of Officers is being compiled, and will be distributed during August. A copy will be mailed to each State Association, and each Local Society, in care of the President. Please be sure that your newly elected officers are reported so that all information will be up-to-date.

July 15th is the closing date for the Membership Contest for which the money prizes are being given. The trophy cups will be awarded on the basis of figures on record as of the date of the closing of the A.D.A.A. books for the pre-convention audit—the early part of September.

## NEW SOCIETIES

COLORADO—Western Colorado D.A.A.—  
Pres. Ruby Thornton, 2260 North Ave.,  
Grand Junction; Sec. Suzanne Wall, 2040  
N. 15th St., Grand Junction.

ILLINOIS—Rock Island District D.A.A.—  
Pres. Barbara Shifflet, 1915 16th St., Moline;  
Sec. Joan Hanna, Box 165, Moline.

NEW JERSEY—Bergen County D.A.A.—  
Pres. Mary Lacks, 100 East Palisade Ave.,  
Englewood; Sec. Virginia Van Blaricum,  
1 Engle St., Englewood.

NEW YORK—Oneida D.A.A.—Pres. Mary  
Ellen Hogan, Knoxboro Road, Vernon; Sec.  
Joyce Eridgy, 304 Phillips St., Oneida.

NEW YORK—Richmond County D.A.A.—  
Pres. Anna J. Evans, 164 Greenleaf Ave.,  
Staten Island No. 10; Sec. Emily Femenella,  
82 Robinson Ave., Staten Island No. 8.

OREGON—Southwestern Oregon D.A.S.—  
Pres. Marilyn Harlan, Ghlynn Apts. No. 2,  
Box 554, Coos Bay; Sec. Alice Matson,  
Bandon.

TEXAS—Wichita Falls District D.A.A.—  
Pres.—Dolly Hill, C/o Dr. M. R. Garrison,  
Hamilton Bldg.; Sec. Winnie Ballard, 408  
First National Bank Bldg., Wichita Falls.

## OFFICIAL CALL

This is to notify all members that the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association will be held in Washington, D. C., October 15-18, 1951. Official headquarters: Wardman Park Hotel.

The Board of Trustees will meet Saturday, October 13, at 12 o'clock. The first

House of Delegates meeting will be held Monday, October 15, at 9 a.m., at which time all Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairman will present annual written reports.

All affiliated societies will file the names of their delegates and alternates as requested by the Executive Secretary. Every member must present her 1951 membership card to register for the meeting.

EVELYN BRETT, President

ILLIAN HOFFMAN, General Secretary

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Since the first House of Delegates meeting is called for 9 a.m. Monday, the delegates should register on Sunday if possible. Be prepared to give your round trip mileage to the convention, in order to be counted in the convention attendance record. There will be official roll call before the election of Officers on Wednesday. At all other sessions it will be the responsibility of the Chairman of Delegates of each state association to see that your correct number of delegates or alternates are in attendance. Please have the proper credentials to present to the Registration Committee. Registration fee will be \$3.00. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ILLIAN HOFFMAN, Chairman of  
A.D.A.A. Registration Committee

### EMBLEM PIN GUARDS

We have had a change in price of the emblem pin and of a few guards. Please note these changes given in a price list in this issue of the Journal.

We wish to call to your attention a few DO'S and DONT'S to remember.

To the Pin Committee Chairmen:

DO NOT hold orders until a number have accumulated. Some members will have to wait a long time for their pins, and the Jeweler will be blamed for the delay.

To the State Secretaries:

Check and send your approved order list to the Jeweler within five days. Dates postmarked on the envelopes tell us where many delays are. (These envelopes are placed on file for the express purpose of record of exact dates received.)

DO endorse checks and money orders properly.

DO designate if guards are to be attached to pin orders.

This is very IMPORTANT. If you send an order for a number of pins to be mailed to you, or to any one individual, it is only necessary to include insurance for the total amount of the order, BUT if you request each pin to be sent to the individual ordering, you must include ten cents insurance for each pin.

There is good news for you too. Arrangements have been made to supply the official A.D.A.A. cap on a national basis. Send your orders for cap #15 to the Dennis Uniform Company, 105 S. E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland 4, Ore. The price of the cap is sixty-five cents. This includes mailing charges. Remittance should be sent with order. C.O.D. shipments are not encouraged. You do not need an order blank to order caps; a letter is sufficient. Your Pin Committee Chairman will be responsible for your cap orders, and the ruling of the individual societies will determine the member's eligibility to wear the cap.

Vera McLaren, Chairman  
A.D.A.A. Pin Committee.

### NEW PRICES ON PINS AND GUARDS

For some time past we have been your supplier of official insignia for the American Dental Assistants Association. In connection therewith we offer the following:

Effective as of the mailing of this issue of the Dental Assistant we will supply pins for the association at the following established prices:

	10K	Gold Filled
Emblem Pin .....	3.90	
Gavel with genuine pearl—		
State President .....	4.20	2.70
Gavel—Component Society		
President .....	3.00	2.10
Gavel with "Vice" on handle—		
All Vice Presidents .....	3.00	2.10
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# Views of the NEWS

By BARBARA PALM

As the new editor of "Views of the News," I wish to pledge my cooperation to Editor Violet Crowley and the dental assistants who compile the news for their societies. Your suggestions and comments will be greatly appreciated. To Clara Samson, I am grateful for initiating me into my duties. Her standard of accomplishment, as previous editor of this department, will inspire my efforts.

As a bit of everyday philosophy for living, you may enjoy the following poem, which seems appropriate to me for this new beginning:

*If I have strength,  
I owe the service of the strong;  
If melody I have,  
I owe the world a song.*

*For any gift God gives me  
I cannot pay;  
Gifts are made mine,  
When I give them most away.*

—Charles Cooke Woods.

## FIRST DISTRICT

The Metropolitan District of the Massachusetts Dental Assistants Association presented a lovely tea on Sunday May 20, at the Copley Plaza, Copley Square. New officers were installed on this occasion.

The Hotel Mellen, Fall River, Massachusetts, was the scene of the May 16 meeting of the Southeastern District Dental Assistants. The feature of the evening was the installation of officers.

The North Shore Dental Assistants held a meeting on April 9 at the Daniel's House, Salem, Massachusetts. New officers for the ensuing year were elected. The same location was used for the meeting of May 14, at which time the new officers were installed. Also, a white elephant sale was held.

On May 14, Worcester District held a buffet supper at the local Y.W.C.A. Installation of officers took place. Ruth Hunt reported.

## SECOND DISTRICT

The Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc., is now registering applicants for the Extension Study Course being planned to start in October, 1951. The



CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANTS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY, N. Y., SOCIETY. Left to right: Ruth McRoy, Jean Hoestel, Mildred Meehan, Rosemary Salvo. Seated: Evelyn Benoit.

Course is open to members of the Society and will cover all phases of the dental assistant's work in preparation for the examination for certification given by the American Dental Assistants Certification Board. Sylvia Hauser, 610 Academy Street, New York 34, N. Y., will be pleased to furnish further details.

During the 1950-1951 season of the Society's activities the members and guests have enjoyed a series of fine programs and clinics at the regular meetings held each month. These have covered a wide range of subjects and have included many prominent speakers from the dental profession and other fields. Among those were: Dr. H. William Frankel, who spoke on the dental assistant and the child patient; Dr. George W. Clapp, who told of "Crusaders for Health"; Dr. Arthur Klatzkin, who discussed the role of the dental

assistant in practice management; Rear Admiral William Maxwell, of New York City's Civil Defense Committee, who described the defense program in the city and the part which individual citizens may take in that program. Clinics included "Hints and Gadgets," a presentation on chair assistance by Sylvia Hauser; "The Dental Assistant Talks to the Patient" by Louella Dopp; "Pleasing the Small Fry" by Ida Kegeles, and the all-clinic night at which clinics on radiography, collections and recalls, patient education, chair assistance, and sterilization were presented by members of the Clinic Club.

The Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party, held May 2, brought out a large group of celebrants, all of whom enjoyed a very gay evening and added a tidy sum to the Welfare Fund. The party was called "Country Fair," with lively games in which everyone participated, thanks to President Louella Dopp. Delicious sandwiches and cakes brought a satisfying close to the festivities.

On May 25, the twenty-four members of the 1950-51 Extension Study Course sat for their Certification examination and are now confidently awaiting the results. The capping ceremony is planned for September.

The Society meets regularly on the third Friday evening of each month, October to May inclusive, at the Hotel Statler, in New York City. The new season starts in October, when a series of excellent programs for the regular meetings and the Clinic Club will be presented. For further information, please address the Chairman of Publicity, Sylvia Danenbaum, 700 West 175th St., New York City 33, N. Y.

Lee M. Tares reports for the New York State Dental Assistants Association. The Annual New York State Meeting is the 23rd for the Dental Assistants Association. In 23 years of organization, much has been accomplished. There are more groups being added, even now. The most recent are Buffalo and Oneida. These join the earlier groups of The First District (Manhattan), The Second District (Brooklyn), Nassau County, Schenectady, Syracuse, Rochester, and Elmira. Alberta Spalding deserves much credit for her term of office last year. Board meetings were held in New York City and Schenectady. Members find the pleasure of new friendships from out of town most interesting.

The Certification roster is growing. Brooklyn and Manhattan both presented courses. The New York State Examination was held on Friday, May 25, at One Hanson Place, Brooklyn, New York. Manhattan members and any other eligible members from New York State took the examination. Rosemary Cornelis of Manhattan and Jane Lux and Lee Terpas of Brooklyn were the Examining Com-

mittee. Dentist members of the joint Planning Committees were proctors and examiners.

Second District invited all dental assistants to attend "Medical Aspects of Atomic Bomb" sessions for which certificates were awarded. Members from New York City participated in the Oral Hygiene's Children's Dental Health week. Educational courses, lectures and clinics, in addition to the Extension Study Course, were included in each local group's curriculum. New officers are being installed for the coming year. We can look with pride upon the past, but we know the future has even better things in store for us. Second District has announced that the former Betty Hitlin, now Mrs. Richard Cornell, resigned as president and has been succeeded by Miss Bernadine Sussino.

Preparations are being made for a third Extension Study Course, commencing on Wednesday, October 3, 1951, and continuing Wednesdays and on available Fridays through mid-May, 1952. Classes will again be held at the Second District Dental Society Headquarters and will be under the guidance of Dr. Charles McNeely and the Planning Committee. There will be thirty-five three-hour sessions of practical and theoretical teachings by instructors who are specialists in their chosen field, and college professors from New York University and Columbia University. The fee will be thirty dollars (\$30.00), which includes membership dues to the National, State, and Local Societies. Miss Sylvia Schwartz, 332 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, is now accepting applications. Miss Belle Price will be the new Publicity Chairman of the Second District Dental Assistants Study Club.

*The Syracuse Dental Assistants Association* held their regular business meeting on May 7 at the Y.W.C.A. The nominating committee presented the new slate of candidates for office with the election scheduled for the June meeting. Miss Dolores Ehmann presented a clinic, "Dotty, the Dental Assistant," at the New York State Dental Convention, May 11, at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y. Grace W. Ober reported for Syracuse.

*The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society* had installation of officers at the April meeting. Dr. H. Jankowski installed the new officers for the year. Everyone enjoyed the annual May dinner, planned by the entertainment committee, consisting of Yolanda Aschettino, Betty Petrelle, and Louise Mazella.

#### NEWS FROM NEW JERSEY

*Southern County* had their annual dinner and installation of officers at Kinney Restaurant in Camden, April 18. Miss Helen Fit-



FIRST CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANTS OF DENVER, COLORADO, ASSOCIATION. Left to right seated: Pat Fitzsimmons, Dodie Cobb, Joyce Huffman, Betty Garahan, Sue Ito, Sue Smith. Standing: Minnie Marak, Lee Brill, Jean King, Helen Keating, Frances Hastings, Julia Raine and Marguerite Cruter.

ting, a former national officer, was the installing officer. Essex County had their annual dinner and installation of officers on Wednesday, May 16, at the Hotel Suburban in East Orange. Monmouth presented the annual dinner the last Wednesday in June at Asbury Park. A State Board meeting was held June 17 at the home of Dr. T. C. Shirley in Newark. Charlotte Myers sends the news from New Jersey.

### THIRD DISTRICT

The Columbus, Ohio, Dental Assistants Association had the regular monthly meeting on March 13 at the Seneca Hotel. As guest speaker, Dr. J. P. Beckwith presented a movie, "Airbrasive," with a discussion period following. The meeting was very well attended.

The Akron Dental Assistants are proud of their Lillian Hoffman as General Secretary



OREGON STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION CEREMONY. Standing left to right: Jessie Dodds, Marge Wambold, Zoe d'Autremont, Mary Tapper, Gladys Van Ditto, Norma Jergesen, Genevieve Westberg. Seated: Genevieve Spacek, La Retta Wenske, Dorothy Walker, Peggy Skonetzni, Dorothy Crites, Marian Olanie, Barbara Reik.

of the American Dental Assistants Association. In March, the Akron Dental Assistants Society held its annual dinner for the doctors. Mrs. Ruth Kirk and Arlene Shriner were recognized for receiving their certification. At the dinner meeting in April, Mr. Scott Alban of the Ney Gold Company presented a clinic, "The Mechanics of Casting a Good Inlay."

The Cincinnati Dental Assistants Association held a clinic meeting in March at the Hotel Netherland Plaza. The following gave fine clinics: Helen Camp on "Certification for Dental Assistants"; Marinda Blackburn on "Sodium Fluoride Benefits," and Hilda Ehrhardt on "Dental Service in Public Schools." Helen Camp won the clinic trophy.

The mid-year meeting of the Ohio State Dental Assistants Association was held in Youngstown. Members of the Warren and Youngstown Societies were most gracious hostesses. The entertainment theme was a carnival show, with all the Warren and Youngstown assistants participating in the show. Thanks to Genevieve Knierim for this news from Ohio.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT

The Alabama Dental Assistants Association participated in a most successful state meeting at the Hotel Redmont in Birmingham, April 15, 16, 17. Included were business sessions, educational programs, and a banquet and dance. Several members presented papers or clinics. The winning paper was "Just a Dental Assistant" by Lorraine Glausier of Dothan. Chosen as the best clinic was "Telephone Personality" by Myrtle Wiggins of Montgomery. After the clinics a brief business meeting was held which included installation of officers. The meeting was then adjourned until 1952. Betty Hooten has reported for Alabama.

The Florida State Dental Assistants Association held its 12th annual meeting at the Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, April 29 to May 1. Broward County Dental Assistants were hostesses. The achievement trophy went to Mary Blair of Ft. Lauderdale. The cooperation trophy was received by Lucy Andrews, also of Ft. Lauderdale, while the clinic trophy went to Louise Huntsinger of Jacksonville. Pensacola District received the membership trophy and Dorothy Reed of St. Petersburg was recipient of a trophy for the best paper. New officers were installed. Louise Lee Coors is responsible for sending this news from Florida.

Six members of the Alexandria Dental Assistants Association attended the state meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 26-28. Alexandria Dental Assistants held its annual

dinner at Herbie K's on May 9. Election of officers was followed by the very impressive candlelight installation ceremony.

Twelve girls from the Shreveport Dental Assistants Association have taken the examination for certification. Thelma Pinney presented a table clinic on "The Dental Assistant in Oral Surgery," which won the trophy for Shreveport. Lola Walpole reported.

The New Orleans Dental Assistants were hostesses at the 11th annual meeting of the Louisiana State Dental Assistants Association. One of the honored guests at this meeting was Mary Frances Joiner, the newly elected 4th District Trustee. The New Orleans group meets on the second Tuesday of each month and at recent meetings the members have been engaged in the study of parliamentary law.

#### FIFTH DISTRICT

The third annual meeting of the Virginia State Dental Assistants Association was held at the Hotel John Marshall in Richmond, April 8-10. A beautiful tea was given on Sunday afternoon. The first session opened Monday morning, April 9, at which time Dr. W. N. Hodgkin of Warrenton spoke on "The Education and Utilization of the Dental Assistant." At noon that day a luncheon was held in the Monroe Room. The luncheon speaker, Dr. W. R. McAfee of Roanoke, had as his topic, "The Dental Assistant." At the Monday afternoon business session the yearly reports were given and the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Tuesday morning, at a most inspiring service, the following officers for 1951-52 were installed: President, Mrs. Pruda Barrett; first vice president, Mrs. Beatrice Hawkins; second vice president, Mrs. Virginia Royster; third vice president, Mrs. Pat Mason; secretary-treasurer, Miss Emily Price. The achievement cup for 1950-51 was awarded to Mrs. Lucille Harper, president, who deserves a great deal of credit for her untiring efforts during the past year. The meeting concluded on Tuesday afternoon with the presentation of clinics on the Roof Garden of the Hotel John Marshall. Marilyn S. Crump is responsible for this fine report.

The annual meeting of the West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association will be held July 16 and 17 at White Sulphur Springs at the famous resort hotel, The Greenbrier. Mary Corkrean, program chairman, and Irene Tobin, local arrangements, have spent many months in planning for the meeting. A fine program, both educational and social, is in store for those who plan to attend. An extension study course is in progress in Huntingdon. Members taking this course will be ready for examination at the 1952 state meeting. Four members of the



CERTIFIED MEMBERS OF SEATTLE AND EVERETT, WASHINGTON, SOCIETIES. Front row left to right: Evelyn Halverson, Leah Murray, Frances Strake, Kay Drees, Vi Morgan, Ethel Collins. Back row: Vera Fuhrman, Ruth Chabot, Dorothy Stark, Marion Kilde, Lorraine Coffey, Pat McConkey, Margaret Wesley, Gretchen Thomas, Helen Fleming, Azalea Williams, Ruth Keenholz, Mary Ann Carlson.

New River Dental Assistants Society will be examined for certification at the 1951 state meeting. Olive R. Steinbeck reported for West Virginia.

#### SIXTH DISTRICT

The Dental Assistants of Evansville, Indiana, held the April meeting at the Belvere. Plans were discussed for the state get-together, for which the members of the Evansville Society will be hostesses. Thanks to Dorothy Morris for this news.

The Dental Assistants Society of South Bend, Indiana, held their annual spring banquet on April 18 at Alby's Steak House. Thirty-one members attended this meeting, as well as two members of the Advisory Council. The next regular meeting was held May 15. Camilla Love is publicity chairman.

#### SEVENTH DISTRICT

The St. Paul District of the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association began the 1951-52 session with a gay dinner meeting in the Dental Library, March 1. Following dinner, the regular business was discussed and installation of officers was held. Another dinner meeting was held in April. A lecture and demonstration on hypnotism by Dr. A. T. Thorson was the highlight of the evening. Margaret Schreiber reported.

The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Dental Assistants Study Club met February 8 in the Pine Room of the Y.M.C.A. with twenty-one members in attendance. Mrs. O. W. Mikkelson showed movies of her trip to Europe last summer. Members of the Study Club held the March meeting in the Y.M.C.A.

Pine Room on March 9. Plans were discussed for the state convention at Watertown, May 20-22. The girls decided to save scrap amalgam, which will be sold and from which the proceeds will be placed in the state fund. The certification examination was given in Sioux Falls, May 19, at the Arnold Carlson Laboratory. Marjorie Kadinger is the reporter.

The Omaha, Nebraska, Dental Assistants have been busily engaged in pursuing their studies for certification. At McCook, March 11, officers and board members of the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association held a board meeting. Under discussion was the program for the state meeting, May 14-16, at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. The Lincoln Dental Assistants had a spring party, April 2, as a campaign for new members for the organization. All of the officers and committees of the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association are working diligently on a fine educational program for the year 1951. Thanks to Eva L. McGrew for the news from Nebraska.

#### EIGHTH DISTRICT

The Kansas State Dental Assistants Association has just celebrated its 20th anniversary with a most successful state meeting in Wichita, May 6-9. Under the leadership of the state officers: Trudy Parker, Roberta Young, Mildred Kraft, and Florence Mowry, and the local arrangements chairman, Roberta Wineefer, seventy-two per cent of the state membership was present to witness the unfolding of an outstanding educational and social program. Among the guest speakers were: Dr.

Gordon Teall on "Code of Ethics"; Dr. Leo Rogers and Dr. Victor Benton on "The Age for Orthodontic Treatment"; Dr. Jerome Meneker on "Physical and Mental Health," and Dr. Leroy Ennis, president-elect of the American Dental Association, on "The Assistant's Role in X-ray Treatment." Twenty-nine members of the Kansas State Dental Assistants Association took the certification examination, May 6, at the Pearce Dental Supply in Wichita. Opal Ierger is news reporter for Kansas.

The annual meeting of the *Missouri State Dental Assistants Association* took place at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, April 1-4 with an exceptionally well planned and educational program featured. Eighty-six members were registered, with all local societies being well represented. On April 1, the certification examination was given at the Midwest Dental Laboratory. On Sunday afternoon, April 1, the St. Louis girls were hostesses at a lovely open house, at which Doris Barnes, Eighth District Trustee, was an honored guest. April 3, Dr. Meigs Jones talked on "It's the Little Things That Count"; Dr. R. N. Albinson spoke on "Practice Management." Mr. Alfred Fleischman gave his ideas on "Human Relations." Dental assistants Mildred Holden, Vivian Prose, and Melva Russler also gave talks. The poster, "Diversified Opportunity," by Margaret Henderson of Sedalia, won first place. Table clinics were presented by Betty Ann Murray, Dymple Henderson, Thelma Rixman, June Ritchey, Paula Flor, and Edna Hansen.

The *Springfield Dental Assistants* held their election of officers meeting on April 11. The new president is Irma Owen and the secretary-treasurer is Dorothy Hyde.

The *Kansas City Dental Assistants* held their election of officers on April 30. Mae Collins is the newly installed president and Irliss Heard has taken the office of secretary. This report was submitted by Delia Burris.

Members of the *Oklahoma State Dental Assistants Society* recently attended the state meeting in Oklahoma City, April 15-18. President Georgia Potter was fortunate in securing Dr. Melvin E. Page of St. Petersburg, Florida, as speaker on the subject of nutrition. The meeting was honored by the presence of Steve Ann Montgomery, A.D.A.A. First Vice President, who was the installing officer. Doris Barnes, who is filling the one-year unexpired term of the former Eighth District Trustee, was an honored guest for the meeting.

The certification examination was given for members from Enid. Oklahoma City Local Society meets on the first Tuesday of each

month. Ruby Bilyeu, local president, has been doing a fine job and Jean Strickland has been tops in arranging outstanding programs.

To celebrate the beginning of the fourth year for the *Springfield District Dental Assistants Society* a dinner was held on Wednesday evening, May 9, at the Kentwood Arms Hotel. Our organization colors were used as the color scheme and carried out with a centerpiece of yellow snapdragons and blue carnations flanked by matching candles. An installation of officers ceremony followed immediately after dinner.

We were very happy to have Mrs. Audrey Stoecker, Past President of the Missouri State Dental Assistants Association, of St. Louis, Mo., speak to us on the society motto—Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service. Her talk was educational and encouraged us to begin a certification course.—Grace Ann Mc Nerney.

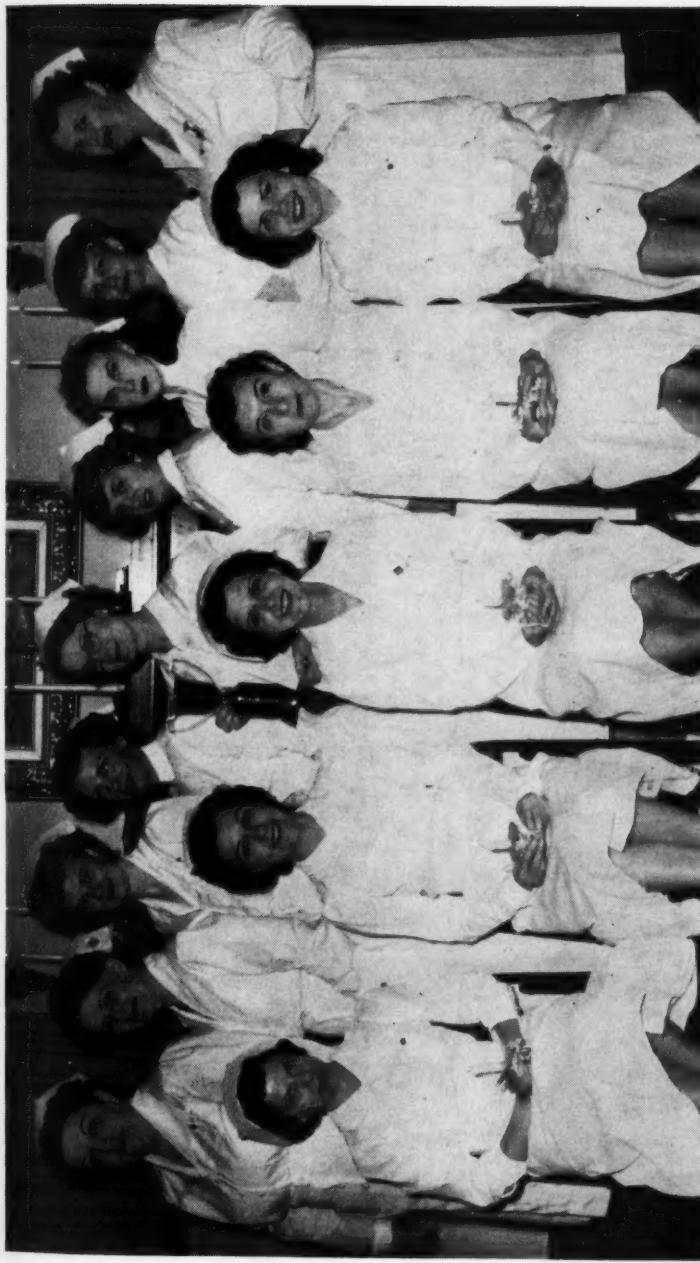
#### NINTH DISTRICT

This is a short review of what has happened in Casper, Wyoming, since the *Natrona County Dental Assistants Association* was organized, September 18, 1950. Officers were elected on a temporary basis at that time. At the October meeting Mrs. Gene Goulette from the Casper Credit Bureau gave an interesting talk on credit. The next meeting was held November 13. Guest speaker of the evening was Miss Elsie O'Brien, who described her work in the schools. The December meeting was a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged after the meeting. Speaker of the evening was Dr. L. J. Williams, who showed a movie, "Children's Dentistry," followed by a round table discussion. The first meeting of 1951 was a potluck dinner on January 15. Mrs. Faye Jackson and Mrs. Juanita Mowrer reported on the Denver Mid-Winter Dental Meeting. The feature of the February meeting was installation of officers. At the meeting on March 12, Mr. L. R. Ellis of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company showed the film, "Telephone Courtesy." Thank you, Mrs. Patricia Cocking, for this interesting summary of recent activities at Casper.

#### NEWS FROM OREGON

The Certification Service ceremony for Oregon Dental Assistants was held on March 19. Eighteen members received certificates. Members present who have been certified on their record of experience and membership were: Harriett Hamann, Madge Tingley, and Mae Doyle.

At the April meeting the Dean of the



**KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, ASSISTANTS INSTALL OFFICERS AT MAY BREAKFAST.** Officers seated in front row, left to right: Betty Stewart, Treasurer; Louise Dixon, Recording Secretary; Jeanette Reed, President; Ruth Troup, President-Elect; Dorothy Harrison, Corresponding Secretary; Members of the association standing left to right: Mildred Kraft, Blanche Hill, Louella Lindeman, Mildred Clark, Audrey Clower, Barbara Ann Roden, Carolyn Dechler, Eula Richie, Delma Hopkins.

University of Oregon Dental School, Dr. Harold J. Noyes, gave an enlightening talk on "Efficiency." Oregon now boasts a new component society. It is known as the Southwestern Oregon Dental Assistants Society. Mabel Schultz has been elected to the state board as clinics chairman. Delegates to represent Oregon at the Pacific Coast Conference are: Dorothy Walker, Mildred Mackinon, and Fern Hobbesieken.

*The Portland District Dental Assistants Society* had installation of officers at a banquet, May 8, at the Congress Hotel. Mrs. Leona Huntly, Ninth District Trustee, was guest speaker of the evening. Material in this news from Oregon was reported by Marian Olanie and Jean Buckshnis.

#### NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

*The Spokane District Dental Assistants Society* reports that seventy-six doctors and their assistants were present at doctors' night, March 6. Certification was the theme of the evening. At the April meeting an excellent fashion show was given. Mr. Lloyd Anderson gave an informative talk on the volunteer work being performed at the Spokane Filter Center. The capping ceremony was the highlight of the May meeting. Delegates from Spokane to the Pacific Coast Conference in Seattle are: Frances Corbett, Louise Langhn, Cordelia Stone, Thelma Moore, and Edna Herigstad.

At their meeting on April 10, the *Tacoma District Dental Assistants* entertained their employers at a Smorgasbord Dinner at the Top of the Ocean Restaurant. Sixty-two dentists and assistants attended, including a large contingent from the Fort Lewis Dental Corps. A clever pantomime on the "Indispensable Assistant" was presented by four girls. Later, Dr. Ernest Banfield, plastic surgeon, gave a lecture, illustrated with many fine slides, showing the remarkable results accomplished by plastic and reconstructive surgery. Special emphasis was placed on the cleft palate, because it is the field most closely allied to dentistry. At the meeting on May 8 the annual election of officers was held. *Tacoma news* was reported by Louise Caruzzi.

The newly elected officers of the *Seattle District Dental Assistants Society* were installed at a lovely candlelight ceremony following the dinner meeting on May 2. Guest speakers for the May meeting were: Dr. Kenneth Edgars, new president of the Seattle District Dental Society, who spoke on the "Responsibility of Being an Officer," and Dr. Robert Wallace and Dr. John Grayour, ever present and loyal advisers.

On April 19, the Seattle Society took over the Penthouse Theatre, on the University of

Washington campus, and with their friends, the dental assistants enjoyed a wonderful evening seeing "Life With Mother," as well as netting the treasury sixty-three dollars. As the Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party comes so soon after the first meeting in September, a new suggestion was made. Each girl is to be measured around the waist and must contribute a penny for each inch she measures. This sounds like a novel idea for adding to the Juliette A. Southard Birthday Fund. Members of the Seattle Dental Assistants Society wish to express their appreciation to retiring president, Ruth Chabot, and her officers, Jeanne Ivey, Ruth Lind, Irma Broberg, and Dotty Stark, for serving so well. Also, much success is wished to the new officers. Vera Fuhrman has reported for Seattle.

The tenth annual meeting of the *Washington State Dental Assistants Association* will be held in Seattle, June 25-28. As this meeting is being held in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Dental Conference, special activities have been provided to make this a worthwhile and wonderful vacation for all who attend. The Conference has generously donated clinic awards, which will be individual trophies for the winner to keep and remind her of the cool days in the green playground of the Northwest. Dr. Harold W. Oppice, President of the American Dental Association; Dr. Frank Wood, Conference President; Dr. Harry Swanson, Washington State President; and Dr. Kenneth Edgars, Seattle District President, will attend the general assembly.

#### TENTH DISTRICT NEWS FROM TEXAS

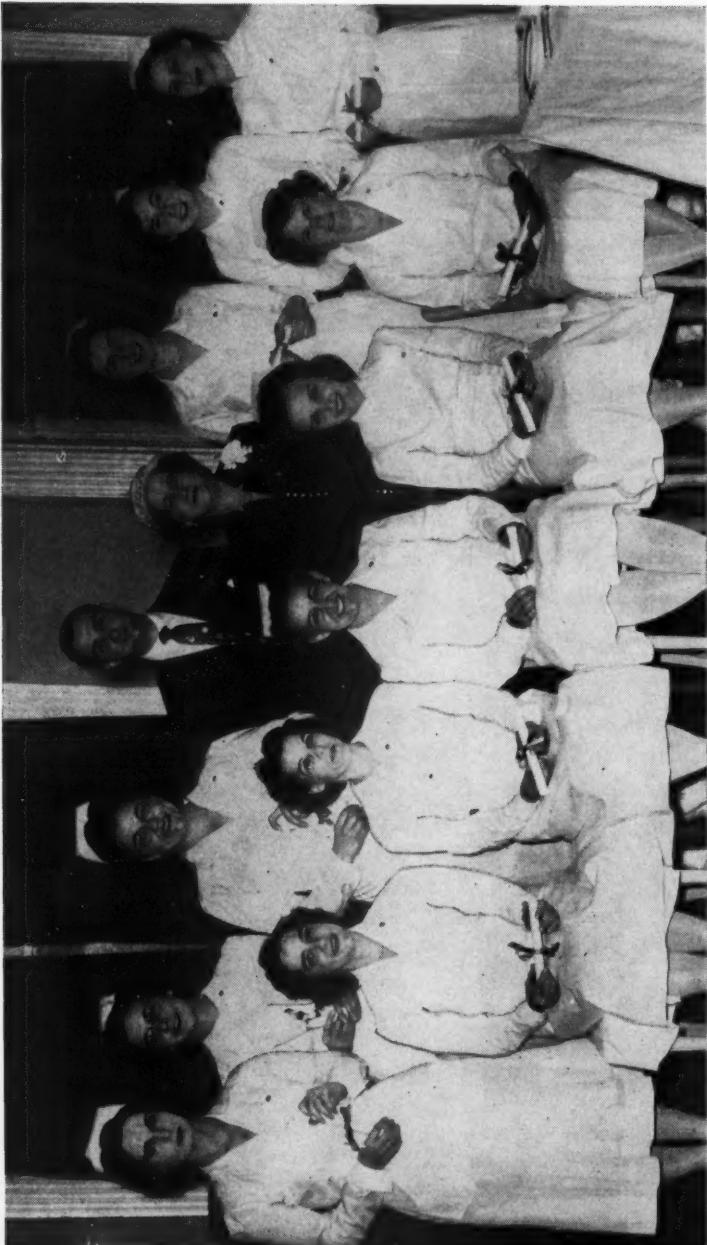
*The Dallas County Dental Assistants* had a regular meeting at the Y.M.C.A. on February 27. Dr. James Nelson gave a most enlightening lecture on atomic energy. The potentialities of this great force took on a more significant meaning for everyone through Dr. Nelson's understandable explanation. Viola Spence gave the clinic, "Collections, the Dental Assistant's Headache." She gave many new and helpful ideas for solving this problem. Delegates, appointed to service at the state meeting in San Antonio were: Viola Spence, Carol Jean Brown, and Leta Featherstone.

*The Panhandle District Dental Assistants* met March 8 at the Silver Grill Cafeteria in Amarillo. President Lillian McNutt conducted the business meeting, during which Martha Skelton was named education chairman and Kay Makepeace was appointed temporary program chairman. The program featured a discussion of the certification course for dental assistants.

*The Perimen Basin Dental Assistants* met



LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION CEREMONY. Left to right, seated row: Florence Carter, Mary Benavides, Jane Fowkes, Jeanne Ellington, Belle Dunnigan, President, S.C.D.A.A.; Trudy Eustace, Lelia Gerson, Frances Boli, Sally Harper, Lois Castle. Second row: Mildred Smythe, Helen Henderson, Frances Weber, Thelma Rudge, Muriel Gulveg, Charlotte Wilkinson, Kathleen Barnes, Elisbeth Kutz, Melinda Witherpoon, Magdalene Krueger. Third row: Dr. A. E. Saundar, President, S.C.S.D.A.; Isabell Diggs, June Montgomery, Sylvia Dobkin, Doris Barden, Virginia Cunningham, Terry Shoemaker, Mary Jordan and James Robinson, Executive Secretary, S.C.S.D.A.



CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANTS OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Standing left to right: Helen Beidler, Alice Cadoban, Dorthea Farley, Dr. Russell Bond, Instructor; Malvina Currie, who presented the caps; Lucille Cadore, Edna Perez, Alma Foyard. Seated: Frances Jackson, Elsie Kloppenburg, Betty Faust, Muriel Meyer, Marie Fort.

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1951 OFFICERS ARKANSAS STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION. Seated left to right: Elsie Hill, President-Elect; Harriett Crawford, President. Standing: Marguerite Child, Vice-President; Jeannie Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer; Doris Barnes A.D.A.A. Eighth District Trustee.

February 22 in Big Springs at the Morales Grill. There were thirteen members present, including four new members, as follows: Barbara Jones, Myrtle Sletting, Joni Hazelwood, and Betty Cooper. Mary Pietzsch was selected as delegate to the state meeting.

The Smith County Dental Assistants met at the office of Drs. Hagan and Hagan on March 5. New officers nominated were: President, Mrs. Jippie Tolbert; vice president, Nancy McNew, and secretary-treasurer, Helen

Clayton. The advisors for the year are: Dr. Gus Pinkerton, Dr. O. N. Cole, and Dr. H. B. McNeill. Installation of officers was held, April 1, at the home of Mrs. Tolbert.

The South Plains Dental Assistants met at the Hilton Hotel in Lubbock. William H. Gordon, M. D., gave an interesting talk on heart diseases and precautions which the dentist should employ before doing operative work. Present were twelve members and

three guests. During the business session, plans were discussed for the state meeting.

The San Antonio Dental Assistants Association held their regular monthly meeting on April 17. New members accepted were: Pat Rabel, Gloria Gonzales, Helen Watson, and Lorene Kent. Delegates chosen for the state meeting in San Antonio were the following: Antionette Blanchard, Eleanor Allison, Margaret Pittman, and Valera Beyer. Annual reports of officers and committee chairmen were read. The group was pleased to learn that thirty-one new members had joined from January, 1950, to April, 1951. The following officers were elected: President, Valera Beyer; president-elect, Jewell Jones; vice president, Era Williams; secretary, Margaret Pittman; treasurer, Evelyn Bailey; corresponding secretary, Marilyn Dickerson; advisory board, Adeline Butcher and Mary Foulk. Vada Childers Clary has reported the news for Texas.

#### NEWS FROM COLORADO

On March 8, ten dental assistants received caps and certificates qualifying them as certified dental assistants at a dinner meeting of the Colorado Springs Dental Society. Dr. Robert N. Mendenhall made the presentations. This is the first group in Colorado Springs to have completed the course and examination for certification and these dental assistants have every reason to feel proud of their accomplishment.

#### NEWS FROM UTAH

The first annual meeting of the Utah State Dental Assistants Association was held on April 9 in the Hotel Ben Lomond at Ogden. Mr. James Robinson, Executive Secretary, Southern California State Dental Association, was the most enthusiastic lecturer on dental economics. Col. Joseph Bernier, Armed Services Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C., gave an eloquent talk on "Oral Lesions and the Psychological Treatment of the Cancer Patient." Clinics were presented Monday afternoon, and the dental assistants were invited to repeat them on Tuesday, in conjunction with the dentists. A beautiful formal banquet was held in the evening in the Drawing Room of the Ben Lomond Hotel with Beth Bell, entertainment chairman, as mistress of ceremonies. Clinic and poster awards were presented, as well as many beautiful door prizes. Mary Patricia Harrison's clinic on "Helpful Hints" won the trophy and Edith Prestwich, from the Central Utah Society, won the poster prize. Installation of officers followed the banquet. This meeting

and banquet were well attended and both members and guests were enthusiastic in their praise of the excellent program. Thanks to Nita Browning for this information on Utah's activities.

#### ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Northern California Dental Assistants Association held its eleventh annual meeting at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, on April 15 and 16. The days were packed with business, educational program, and fun. Progress reports of the officers and committee chairmen told of a year of activity. A lovely luncheon was given in honor of Alberta Clinite, Eleventh District Trustee. Dr. Benediktson, guest speaker of the general session, joined by the officers of the California Dental Association, brought to the convention a definite feeling of cooperation. When American Dental Association President Oppice was brought directly from the airport to the installation dinner dance to offer a few words to the dental assistants, the highlight of the meeting was indeed reached.

A loyal, independent member, Thelma B. Bell, is actively working toward the organization of a new group in Nevada. It would be wonderful to have Nevada answer the roll call of the states at the meeting in Washington, D. C., this fall. Alberta Clinite is responsible for this fine report.

The Fresno District Dental Assistants met at a recent dinner meeting at the Yurri Hotel. Edna Reifsneider gave a clinic on "Time Saving Tips." This clinic also was given at the Northern California Dental Assistants Convention. Others who attended the convention were: President, Sue Garabedian; delegate, Helen Eaton, and alternate, Eleanor Hibbard.

Members of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Association honored their mothers on May 10 with a gala banquet. Miss Anne Harding, prominent model and teacher of charm and poise, gave an instructive demonstration of the grace for which every woman strives. On June 14, members polished their boots, saddled their ponies and rode out to the "ranch" offices of Dr. R. W. Waggoner and Dr. Dean Huchel out San Fernando Valley way. Dr. Waggoner gave a clinic on "Preventive Orthodontics," and Dr. Huchel discussed "Procedures in a Children's Practice." Mrs. Muriel Sasse, who has been Dr. Waggoner's chief forman for seventeen years, conducted a tour of the corral and bunkhouse. An interesting evening was enjoyed by all. Los Angeles takes pride in announcing the addition of forty-one new members to the roster this year. Marie Olson reported for Los Angeles.

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"Each issue of the *Dental Assistant* is more readable than the one before."—Opal Ierger, Wichita, Kansas.

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"As a new member of A.D.A.A., I have just received my first issue of the *Dental Assistant*. It is wonderful—so interesting! I shall look forward to receiving every issue in the future."—Mary Labaqui, Long Beach, California.

"I am anxiously awaiting the next issue of the *Dental Assistant*."—Vera Fuhrman, Seattle, Washington.

## When and Where

*American Dental Assistants Association* 27th annual session, October 15-18, 1951, Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C. General Secretary: Lillian Hoffman, 714 North Main St., Akron Ohio; Executive Secretary: Mary L. Martin, 410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Ind.

*New Orleans Dental Conference*, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La., Nov. 11-15, 1951. Sec'y: Dr. M. R. Matta, 629 Maison Blanche Bldg., New Orleans, La.

*Colorado State D.A.A.*, October 1-5, 1951, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo. Sec'y: Jean King, 1621 Court Place, Denver, Colo.

*Georgia State D.A.A.*, September 23-25, 1951, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Sec'y: Mabel Knight, 31 Fourth St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

*Pennsylvania State D.A.A.*, September 11-14, 1951, Wm. Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sec'y: Joan Fasel, 2506 Myrtle St., Erie, Pa.

*West Virginia State D.A.A.*, July 16-18, 1951, Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Sec'y: Olive R. Steinbeck, 804 Kanawha State Bank and Trust Bldg., Charleston, W. Va.

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Blackstone	4.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	Mayflower	5.50-14.00	11.00-17.00
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Cairo	3.00- 5.00	5.00- 8.00	New Colonial	2.50- 6.00	5.00- 9.00
Carlton	7.00-10.00	9.00-13.00	Plaza	3.00- 5.00	4.50- 8.00
Carlyle	3.50- 6.00	6.00- 9.00	Raleigh	5.00- 8.00	7.50-13.00
Carroll Arms	4.00- 6.00	5.00- 9.00	Roger Smith	4.50- 7.50	6.50-10.00
Commodore	3.00- 5.00	5.00- 8.00	Roosevelt	7.00- 9.00	9.00-11.00
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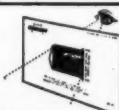
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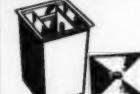
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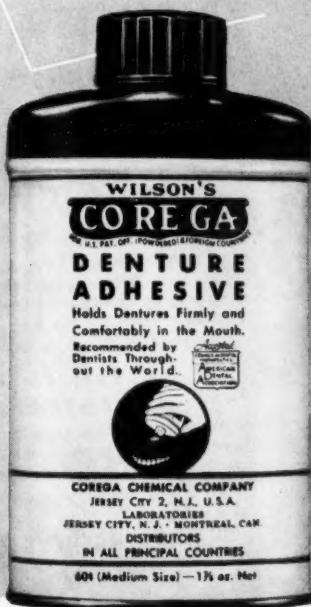


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